

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1-3, 9-18, and 21 to address the Examiner's objections. Additionally, all Figs. 1-22 have been made formal and replace the originally filed sheets. Figs. 1-3 have been changed to show perforated lines 86, instead of solid cut lines. Tab 82 has been added to Figs. 10 and 15. Explanatory indicia has been removed from Figs. 1-3, 9-18 and 21.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1-22)
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (Figs. 1-3, 9-18, 21)

SUMMARY

The above Amendment and following Remarks are responsive to the points raised in the October 5, 2004 Office Action. The drawings were objected to as incorrectly showing the perforated lines 86 throughout the drawings as solid cut lines; Figs. 10 and 15 were objected to as omitting tab 82; and Figs. 1-3, 9-18 and 21 were objected to as including explanatory indicia. The disclosure was objected to because of an informality on page 4, line 19. Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Thresher et al.* Claims 1-14 were allowed. Upon entry of this Amendment, claim 15 will have been canceled and claims 1-14 will remain pending in this application. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

RESPONSE TO DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The drawings were objected to as containing minor informalities. Attached to this Amendment are edited drawings showing in redline the proposed changes to Figs. 1-3, 9-18, and 21. Formal drawings including Figs. 1-22 are also enclosed. Objections to the drawings are requested to be removed herefrom.

RESPONSE TO CLAIM REJECTIONS

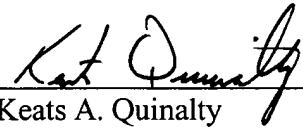
Claims 1-14 were allowed and claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Thresher et al.* Although the Applicants do not agree with the rejection applied, to expedite prosecution, claim 15 has been canceled by the present amendment. All pending claims are now allowed and a Notice of Allowability is requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted

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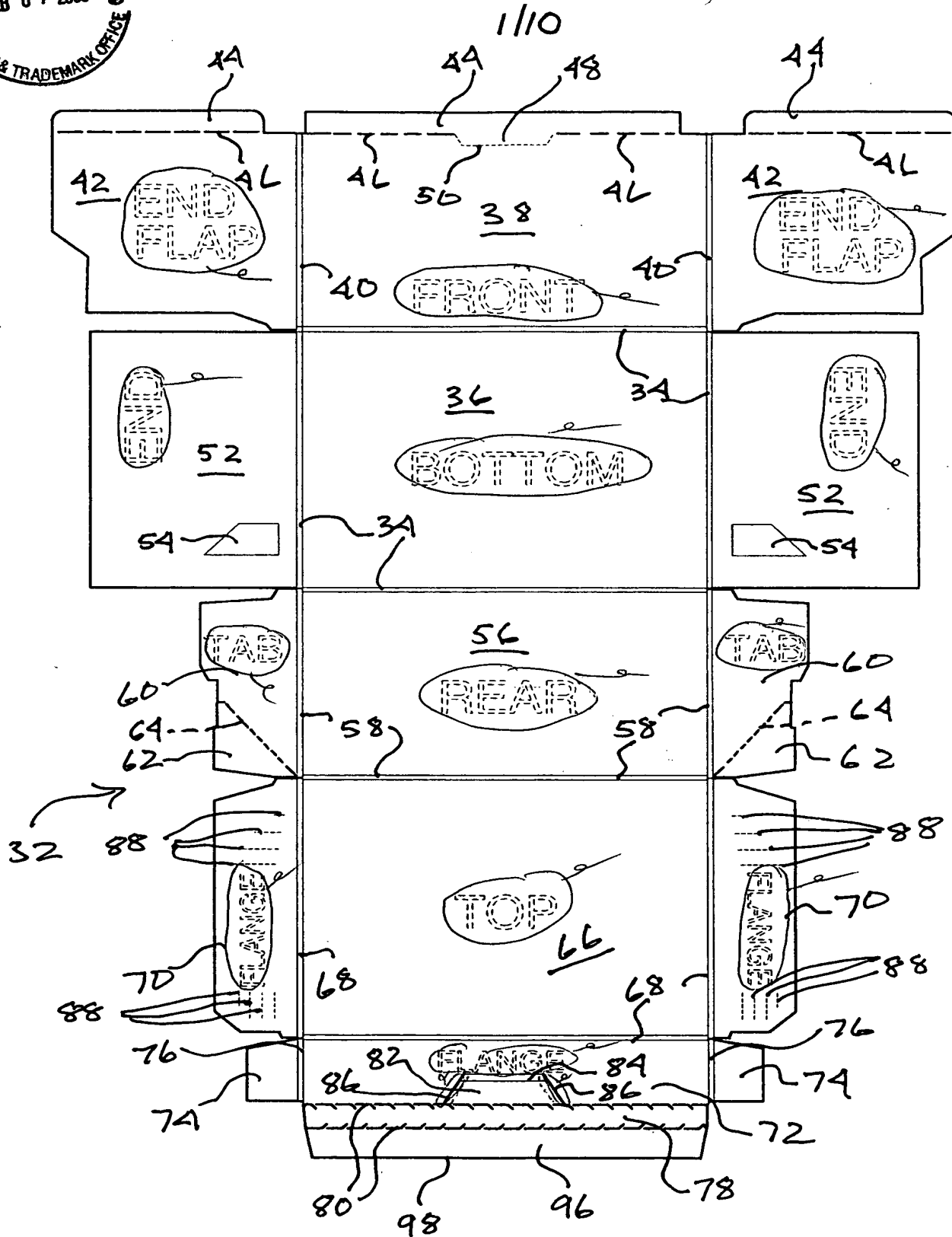


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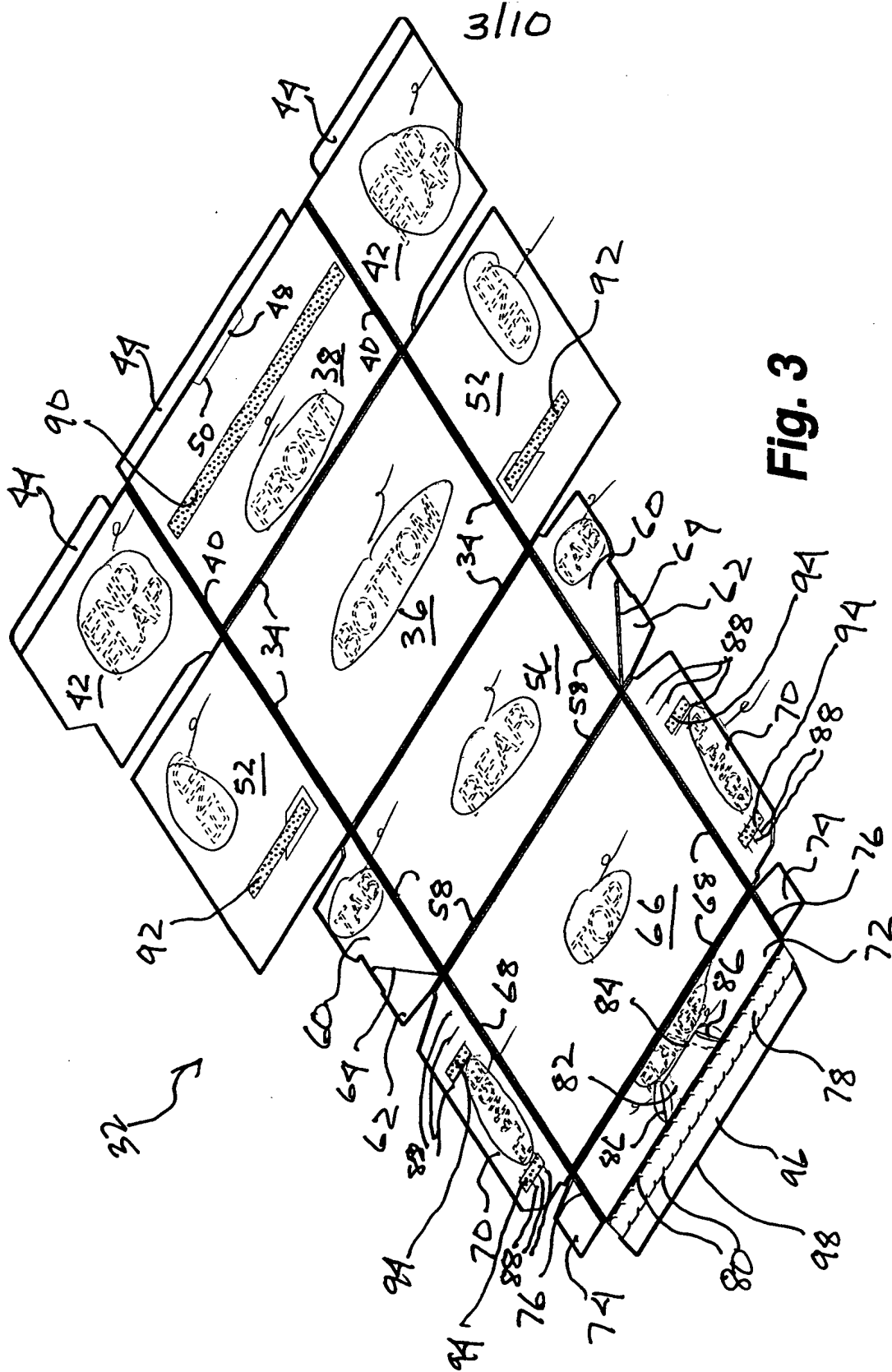


Fig. 3

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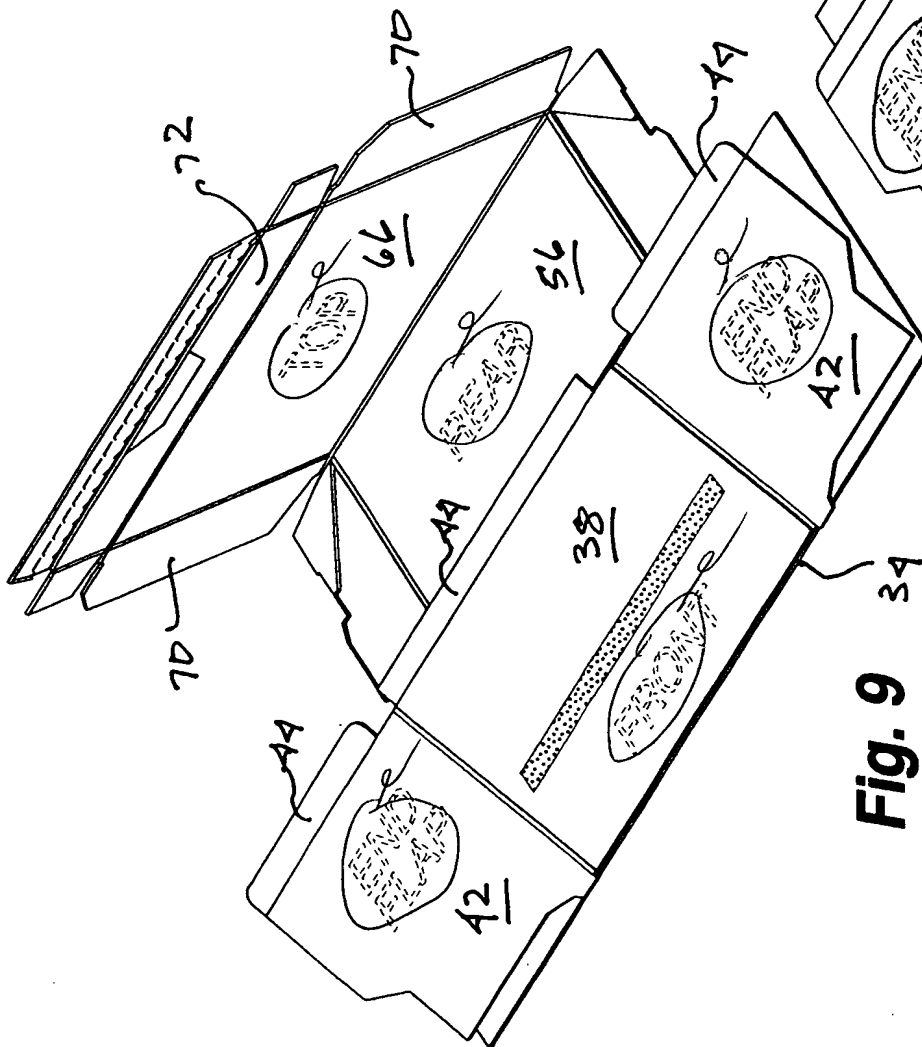


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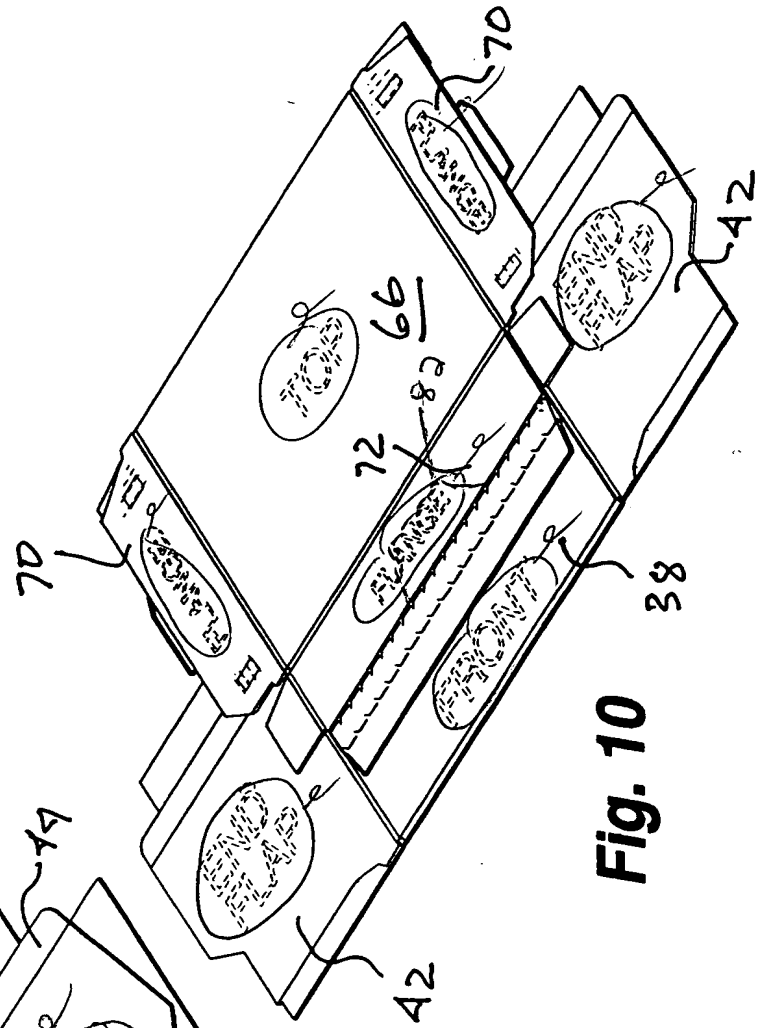
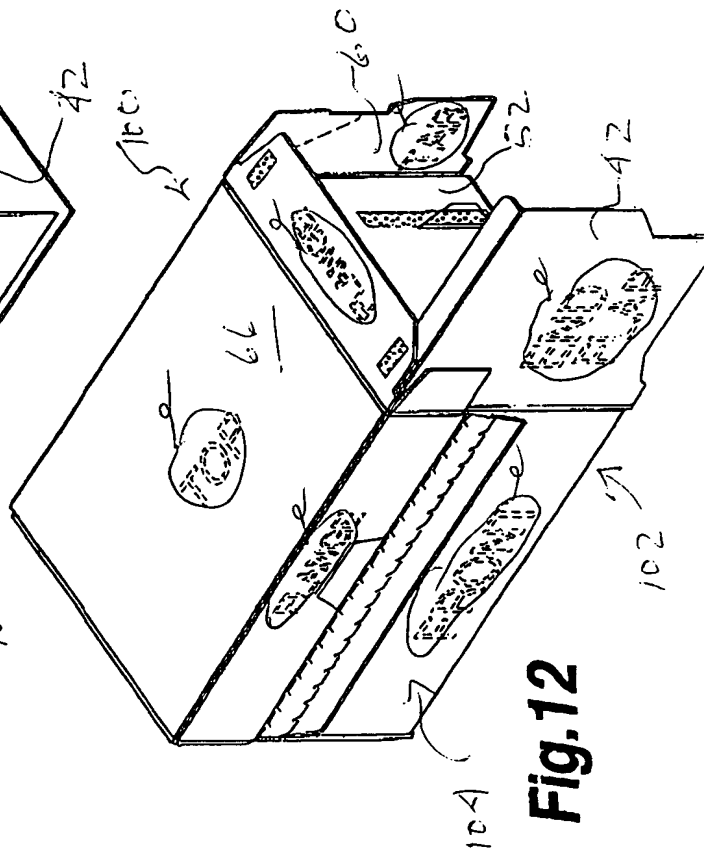
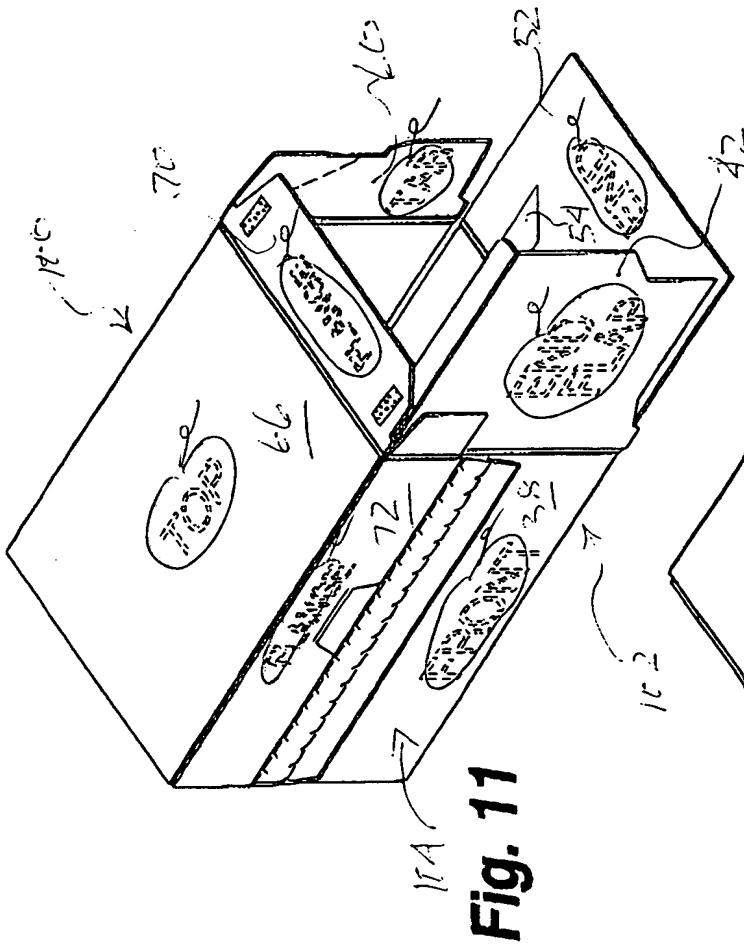
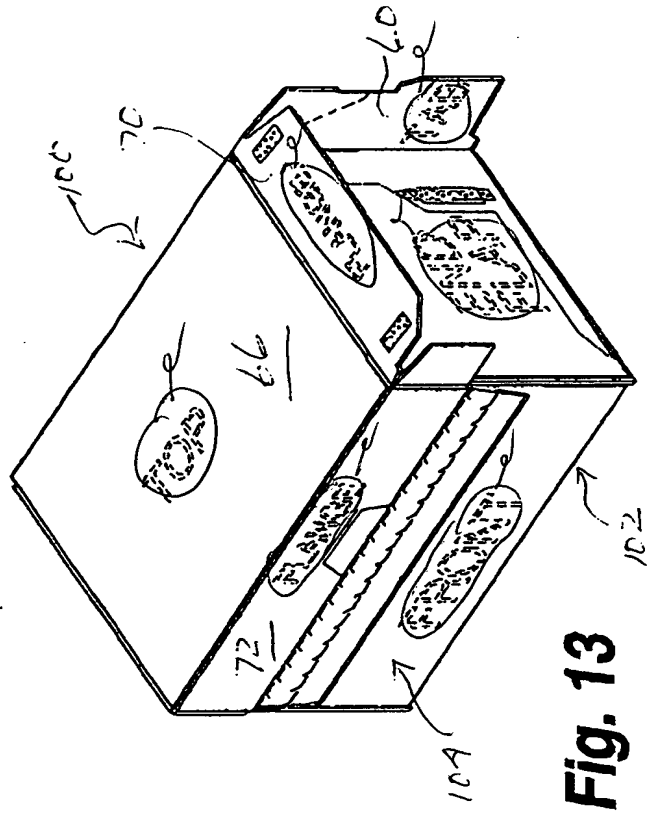
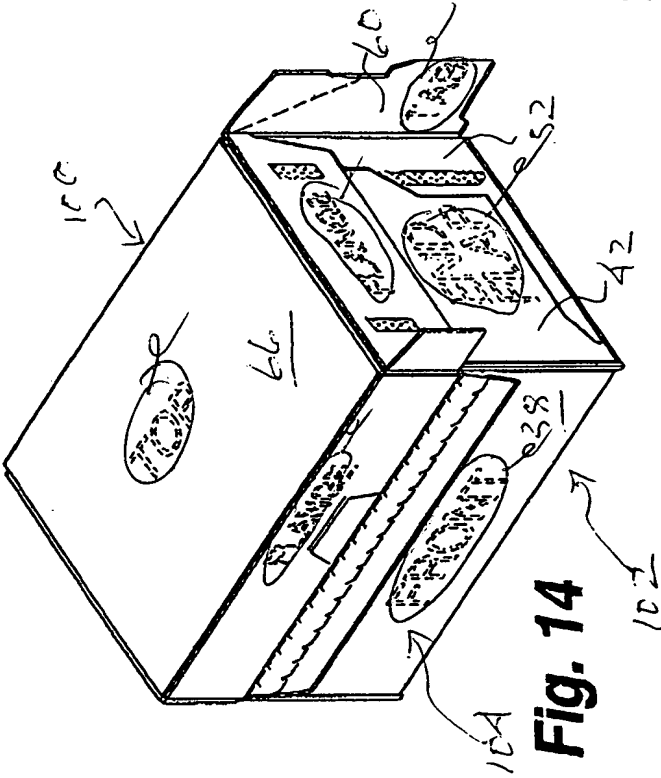


Fig. 10

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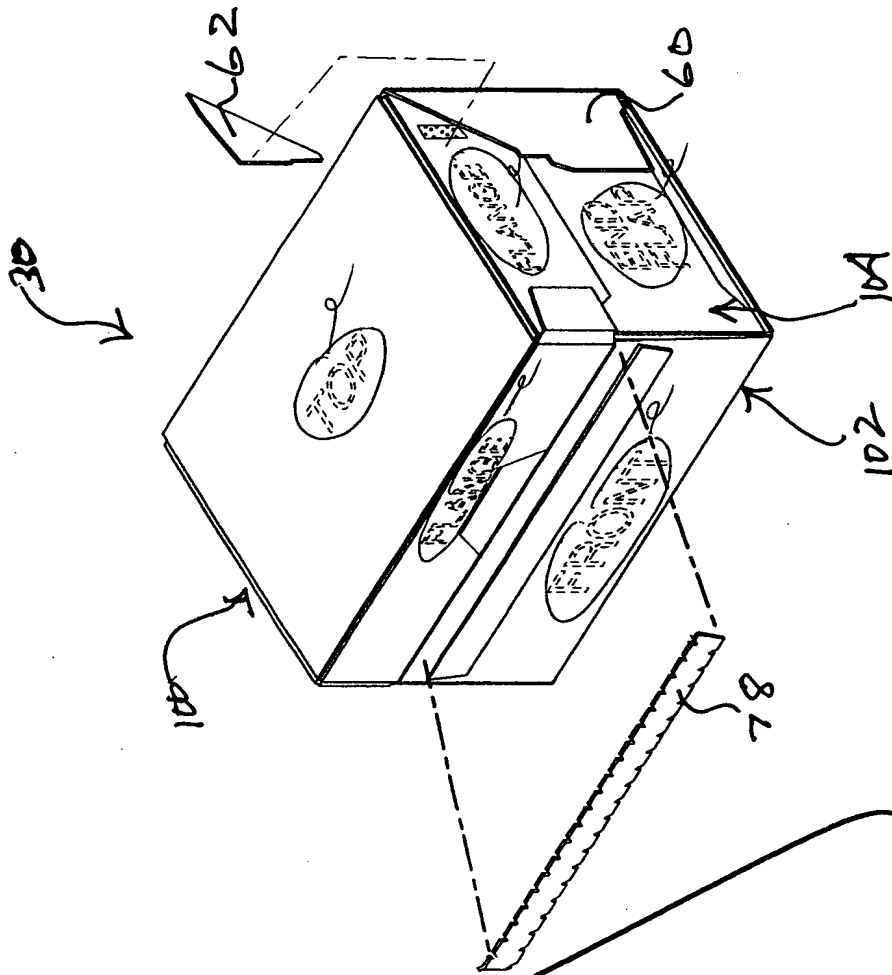


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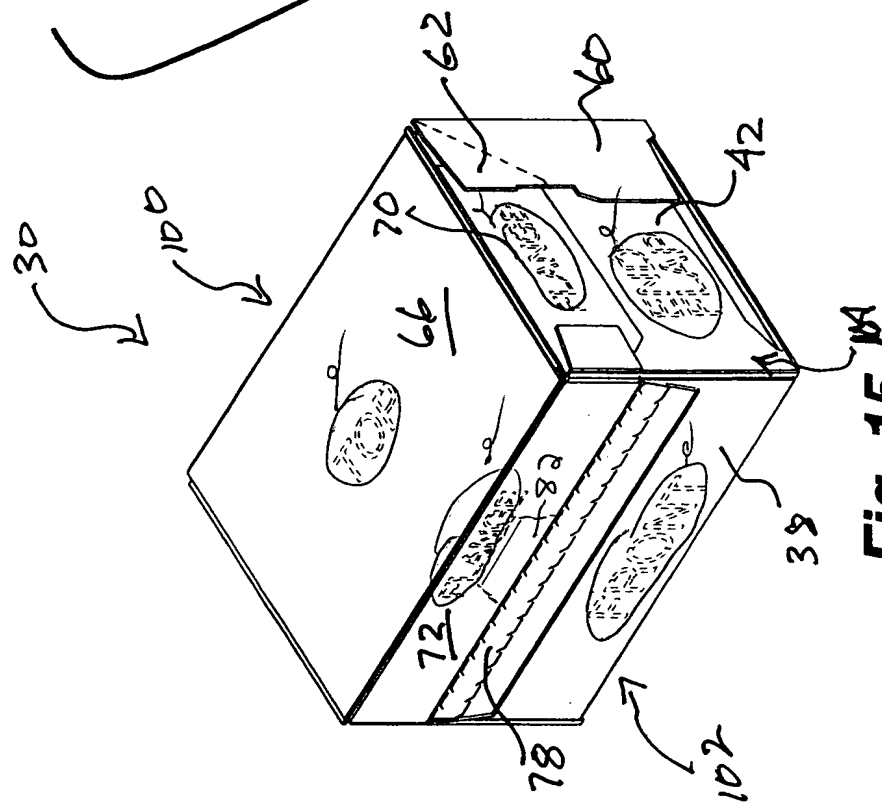


Fig. 15^{1A}

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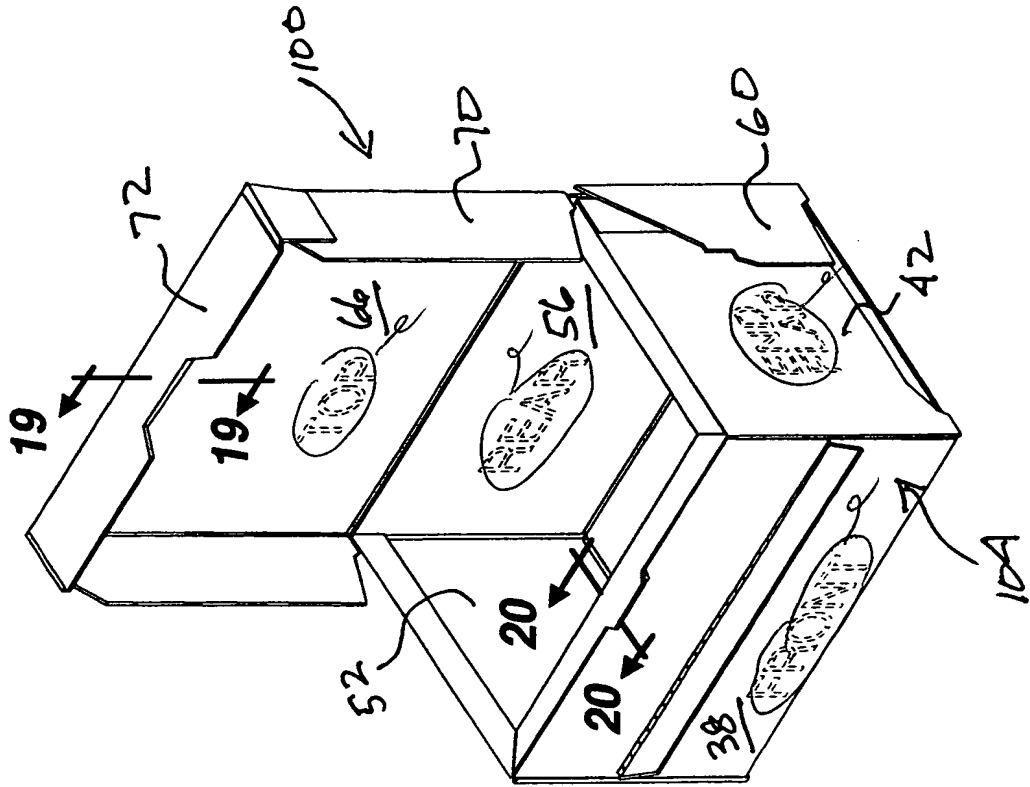


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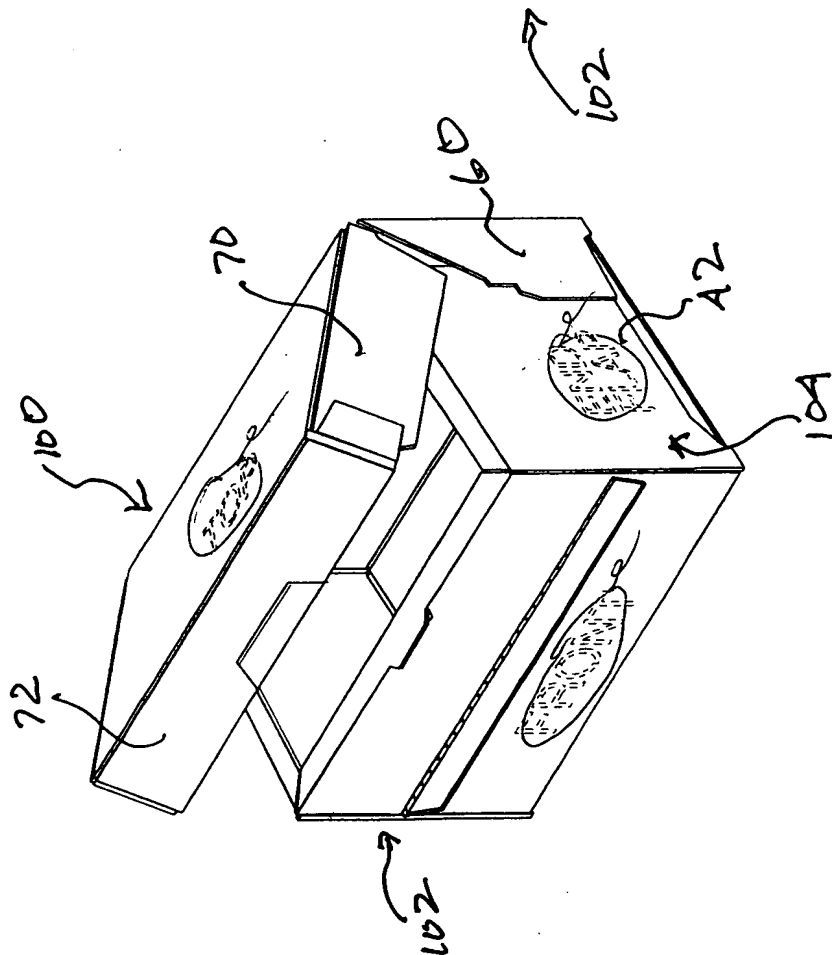


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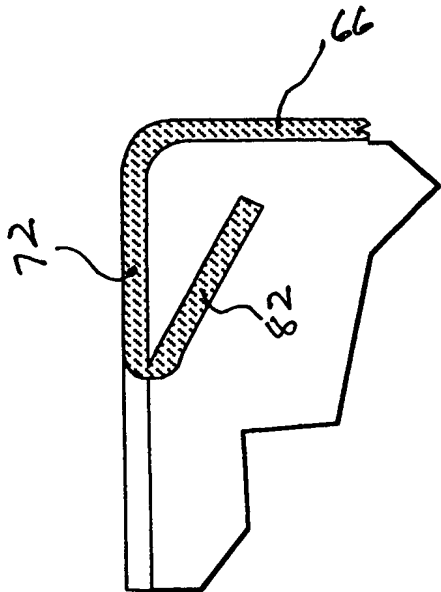
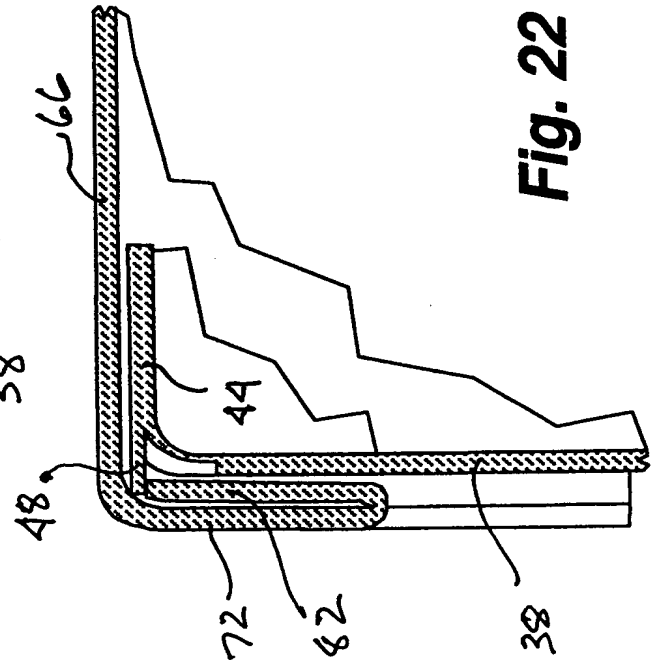
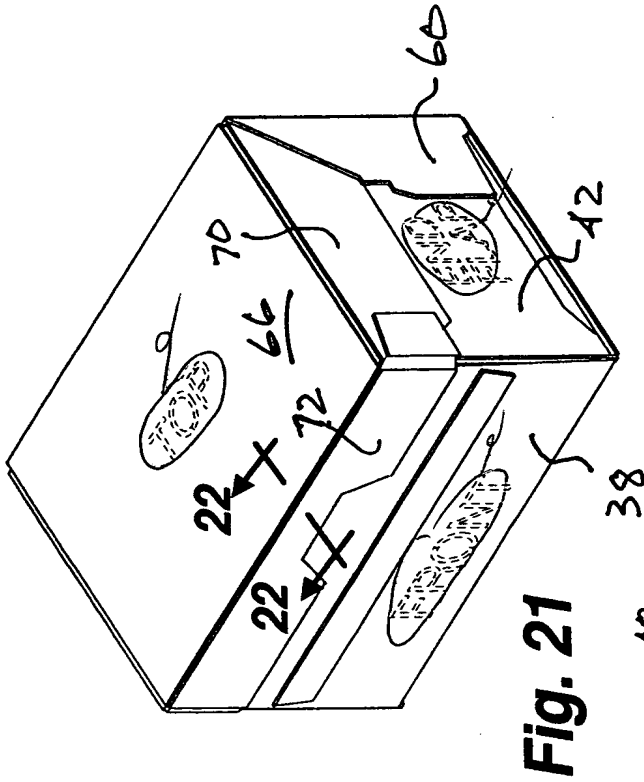


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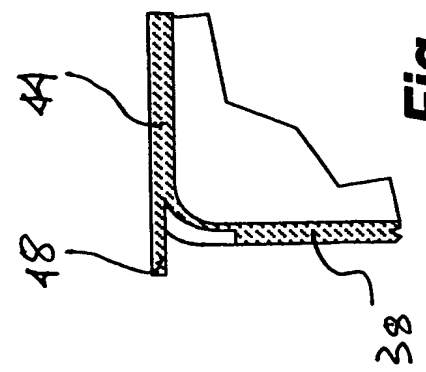


Fig. 20